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60th Temple Anniversary To Mark Year's Program

The sixtieth anniversary year of our Temple will pick up where last year left off—except on a bigger and more stimulating scale than ever before. Foremost on the immediate agenda are preparations, already started during the past season, for appropriately marking the birthday of the Park Avenue Synagogue in the annals of its bright future. November is the big month toward which the anticipation and efforts of both pews and pulpit are pointed. The projected four-week cycle of celebration, which will include a special series of Friday evening services, will be climaxed by a mammoth Dinner-Dance. Further details of the Anniversary Celebration will appear in subsequent issues of the SCROLL.

Other Temple Activities

Part and parcel of the big year that lies ahead will be the better-than-ever programs sponsored by every affiliated organization of the Synagogue—Sisterhood, Junior League, Coteries, Adult Classes, etc. Of particular moment will be the programs conducted for adults under the auspices of the Committee on Adult Education. For six weeks, from November 10 through December 15, classes will meet at the Temple when the major lecture series will be devoted to the theme, "Modern Social Problems in the Light of the Jewish Tradition."

New Members Greeted

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL our membership roster has been enlarged by the affiliation of many new families. THE SCROLL extends an enthusiastic greeting to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gross
Dr. and Mrs. Milton Helpen
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Washell
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Zeitz
Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey Weintraub
Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Pollack
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Eppsteiner
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baron
Mr. and Mrs. David Coleman

HOLIDAY SERVICES BEGIN SUNDAY

Rosh Hashanah Ceremonies
Start at 6 p.m.; OCT 1
Yom Kippur Oct. 5

Rosh Hashanah services, beginning on Sunday evening, September 21, will usher in the 1941-1942 season—the 60th year—of the Park Avenue Synagogue. Commencing at 6 P.M. on Sunday, services will continue through Yom Kippur on Wednesday, October 1st.

Rabbi Steinberg announces that his Rosh Hashanah sermons will discuss the continuing crisis in human and Jewish affairs and will seek to offer guidance for our conduct in the midst of it. His sermon on the first morning will treat with "Expediency and Principle." The following morning's talk will be on the theme, "Religion's Inadequacy."

The musical portion of the services will be conducted by Cantor Putterman assisted by the choir. Description of the music to be heard appears on page 2. To enhance the beauty of the Holyday ceremonies, attention of Scroll readers is also called to the suggestions to worshippers listed on page 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Krinsky
Dr. and Mrs. Isidore W. Held
Mr. Charles Finn
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Geist
Mr. and Mrs. I. Kingdon Hirsch
Dr. and Mrs. Harry Gold
Mr. and Mrs. J. Kahn
Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Lehman
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Goldberg
Mr. and Mrs. M. Kleinberg
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Karasik
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kramer
Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Nathanson

To one and all a very cordial welcome into our fellowship, together with the expression of the hope that they will find participation in the program of our Synagogue a joy and a stimulation to more significant Jewish living.

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HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah

First Evening, Sunday, Sept. 21st—6:00 p.m.
First Morning, Monday, Sept. 22nd—8:30 a.m.
 Sermon—10:30 a.m.
 Minchah Service—5:00 p.m.
Second Evening, Mon., Sept. 22nd—6:00 p.m.
Second Morning, Tues., Sept. 23rd—8:30 a.m.
 Sermon—10:30 a.m.
 Shabbat Shuvah
Friday Evening, Sept. 26th—6:00 p.m.
Saturday Morning, Sept. 27th—9:30 a.m.
 Sermon—11:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidrei Eve, Tues., Sept. 30th—6:00 p.m.
Shaharith Service, Wed., Oct. 1st—8:30 a.m.
 Sermon—11:00 p.m.
 Memorial Service—3:00 p.m.
 Neilah Service—4:45 p.m.

Services for Children

Conducted by the Junior Congregation in
 the Vestry Rooms.
Both Mornings of Rosh Hashanah
 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 m.
Yom Kippur Day—10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Afternoon Service—4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Bar Mitzvah

On Saturday, September 13th, the Bar Mitzvah of Master Myron Stein, son of Dr. and Mrs. Simon Stein, was celebrated. To the Bar Mitzvah and his family, THE SCROLL extends its warmest felicitations and hopes that the young man may attain his highest potentialities in life as a Jew and American citizen.

Liturgy of the High Holy Days

As is generally known, Israel's prayers are not exclusively in the singular form; they are not prayers for individuals only, but prayers for the household of Israel. The same needs, hopes, wishes and ideals motivate the entire community. The individual is a part of the community. Nevertheless, although in the plural, Israel's prayers interpret the life of the individual. To be aware that a whole community has the same wishes and hopes, shares the same troubles and distress, is in itself a consolation for the individual.

The High Holyday liturgy is based on two distinct themes—Selicha (Pardon) and Tefilla (Prayer). Yet they do not end in complete despair, for in every supplication or lamentation there is always a bright note of hope in a better future; there is the repeated voicing of an El rachum vechanun—a God full of compassion and gracious. Our musical program is rich in the traditions of the Synagogue. It strives to interpret the prayers and inspire the worshipper's innermost religious and aesthetic emotions. Pardon will be granted, prayer will be answered, and the bright note of hope in a better future will soon be realized.

The members of our choir are: Judith Litante, soprano; Adele Rivie, soprano; Devora Nadworney, contralto; Olga Paul, contralto; Morris Poaster, tenor; Bernard Whitefield, bass; and Isidore Geller, organist.

Howdy, Folks! We're Back!

We're back again, folks, after a summer of hard relaxation. As usual, us Scroll scribes are setting out with a wealth of ideas all designed to make the publication more enjoyable and constructive than ever. In these efforts, we solicit your suggestions.

You readers can be of great assistance to us if you'll supply us with news about yourselves. After all, this is your Scroll and we'd like to see you become part of it in fact as well as in theory. We have our wires clear at all times for special communiques from members of the Park Avenue Synagogue family—just address the editor.

Memorial Booklet Now Being Prepared

To obviate the necessity of reading long lists of names during the Memorial Service on the Day of Atonement, the Park Avenue Synagogue has adopted the device of printing a memorial booklet in which the names of the departed kinsfolk of worshippers are recorded. This Book of Remembrance is deposited in the Ark with solemn ceremonial as a tribute of devotion.

If you wish the names of your departed ones to be included, you must submit these names to the office no later than Friday, September 26th.

The Secretary of the congregation respectfully reminds those who wish to avail themselves of the Book of Remembrance that it is customary for persons submitting names to make some donation to the General Fund of the congregation for the purpose of defraying the cost of publishing the booklet.

SISTERHOOD FLASHES

Now that Vacation Days are over, we are happy to welcome you back to active participation in Sisterhood affairs.

The first regular Sisterhood meeting of the season will take place on Wednesday, September 17th, at 1:30 p.m. Please note change of meeting date.

Five Dollar Drive

Have you filled your pledge? Mrs. Carrie Manheimer, Chairman of our Summer Drive hopes you will remit to her at your earliest convenience that she may issue your invitation to SISTERHOOD'S PLEDGE LUNCHEON, to be held on TUESDAY, OCT. 29th. Full details will be given you at a later date.

May we take this means of thanking you for the generous manner in which you responded to the appeals sent out by the United Service Organizations and the United Jewish Appeal in their recent drives.

Red Cross

Chairman Mrs. Sara Botein has been thrilled with the splendid turnout through the summer months, and now expects to triple the attendance. Come and bring your friends. Every Monday from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m., in the Vestry Rooms.

Important Notice

Members of the congregation who have moved are asked to communicate their new addresses to Mr. Emanuel Rosenthal, secretary, as soon as possible.

Suggestions to Worshippers

The success of worship in reaching the minds and hearts of those who participate in it is not determined altogether by those who occupy the pulpit. The men, women and children in the pew decide in no slight measure how meaningful worship shall be to them. The Rabbis and Cantor of our congregation invite the cooperation of everyone who enters the Synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Specifically they make the following suggestions:

First, make every effort to be in the Synagogue as early as possible. It is always disturbing to those already in attendance to be interrupted in their prayers by the tardiness of latecomers.

Second, our congregation this year will be the largest in the history of our Synagogue. We will be compelled to admit people to our auditorium only on the presentation of tickets. *Please bring your ticket with you* and make certain that you have a ticket for every one who desires entrance.

Third, the Tallis the traditional garb of male worshipers. The wearing of it is sanctioned by centuries of Jewish practice and makes a contribution toward the creation of a prayerful mood.

Fourth, if they so desire it, the men of the congregation may wear skull caps. We have made no provision for the disposal of hats during worship.

Fifth, we urge that at every service you remain in your pew until the benediction is pronounced. Those of our worshippers who have been with us before know that our service is never inordinately protracted. The benediction on Rosh Hashanah will be bestowed by one o'clock; on Yom Kippur day as soon after sunset as Jewish tradition permits.

Sixth, participate actively in the services. Join in the responses and the singing.

Jewish Education For Temple's Children

Vigorously espousing its slogan, "A Full Jewish Education for Every Child in Our Congregation", the School of the Park Avenue Synagogue is preparing to launch its anniversary year program on Sunday morning, October 5, under the direction of Rabbi Erwin Zimet. By the time sessions are opened, it is hoped that there will be no children of school age within our congregation who are not attending classes, during the week as well as on Sunday mornings.

Mid-week Class Attendance

Attendance at Sunday School is an indispensability but is, of itself, inadequate. Every parent should plan first to guarantee that minimum but also to see to it that the child's exposure to Jewish education is made broader by attendance at the mid-week classes.

Thanks to a series of conferences held during the summer, attendance in the Hebrew School has been very considerably enlarged. It has reached a point where the majority of children attend both Sunday School and mid-week classes.

Sunday School Curriculum

Although the first registration morning of September 14 has passed, the School Board will accept applications for both the Sunday School and the mid-week Hebrew School this coming Sunday morning, September 21, between 10 and 12 A.M.

The Sunday School, for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 17, has the following general curriculum. Classes are conducted in Jewish History, Jewish customs and Ceremonies, the Bible, Modern Jewish Literature, the Prayerbook, Current Events, Palestine and Jewish music. In addition, each class will have its own project, combining activities such as Dramatics, Arts and Crafts, Journalism, Photography and Current Events. All classroom subjects are adapted to the interests of the various age-groups.

There will again be a primary group for children between the ages of 5 and 7. This class is housed in light and airy quarters

New Year's Greetings

The Rabbis, Cantor and Officers of the Park Avenue Synagogue extend to their fellow-congregants and friends the greetings of the New Year. Once again the solemn day of Rosh Hashanah occurs in the midst of a tragic human crisis. These greetings then, while they express the normal good wishes for a year of personal health, happiness and self-fulfillment to those to whom they are addressed, give voice at the same time to the prayer that faith, hope and courage may be preserved among us and that we may be moved to contribute more abundantly to the achievement of a better society in America, to the return of tranquillity to Israel, and to the establishment of a just peace throughout the world.

May this coming year bring to all mankind a return of the blessings of peace. May it see the dawning of light to those now in darkness and the healing of those who are wounded in body or in spirit.

with up-to-date facilities and is conducted by trained kindergartners.

Hebrew School Program

Hebrew School gives instruction in the elements of reading, writing and conversing in Hebrew, excerpts of the Bible, the prayerbook in the original, modern Hebrew literature and music. Classes are small so as to permit much individual instruction. They are held in one-hour sessions two afternoons a week. A special section of the School is devoted to preparations for Confirmation and Bar-Mitzvah.

Also part of junior educational activities is the Junior Congregation which, beginning with the High Holydays and continuing throughout the school year, conducts services for the children of our religious school and their friends. These services are conducted entirely by children themselves—Junior rabbis, cantors and a choir are trained for this purpose. The schedule of services appears on page 2.